



Face and Iris Evaluation Activities at NIST

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Outline


- Face Recognition Grand Challenge (FRGC)
<http://face.nist.gov/frgc>
- Status of the Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT) 2006
<http://face.nist.gov/frvt2006>
- Comparison of Human and Computer Performance
<http://face.nist.gov/frgc>
- Iris Challenge Evaluation (ICE) 2005 and 2006
<http://iris.nist.gov/ice>



Face Recognition Grand Challenge Overview



FRGC and FRVT 2006

- What is the difference between FRGC and FRVT 2006?
 - FRGC (May 2004 – March 2006)
 - Still and 3D face recognition algorithm development project
 - FRVT 2006 (30 January 2006) 
 - Independent government evaluation of face recognition systems
 - Measure progress since FRVT 2002



FRGC Background

- Renewed interest in developing new methods for automatic face recognition
 - Fueled by advances in
 - Computer vision techniques
 - Computer design
 - Sensor design
 - Interest in fielding face recognition systems
- New techniques have potential to significantly reduce error rates

Background



Baseline



Technology Development



Independent Evaluation



FRGC Objective



- The primary objective of the FRGC is to:

Develop still and 3D algorithms to improve performance an order of magnitude over FRVT 2002



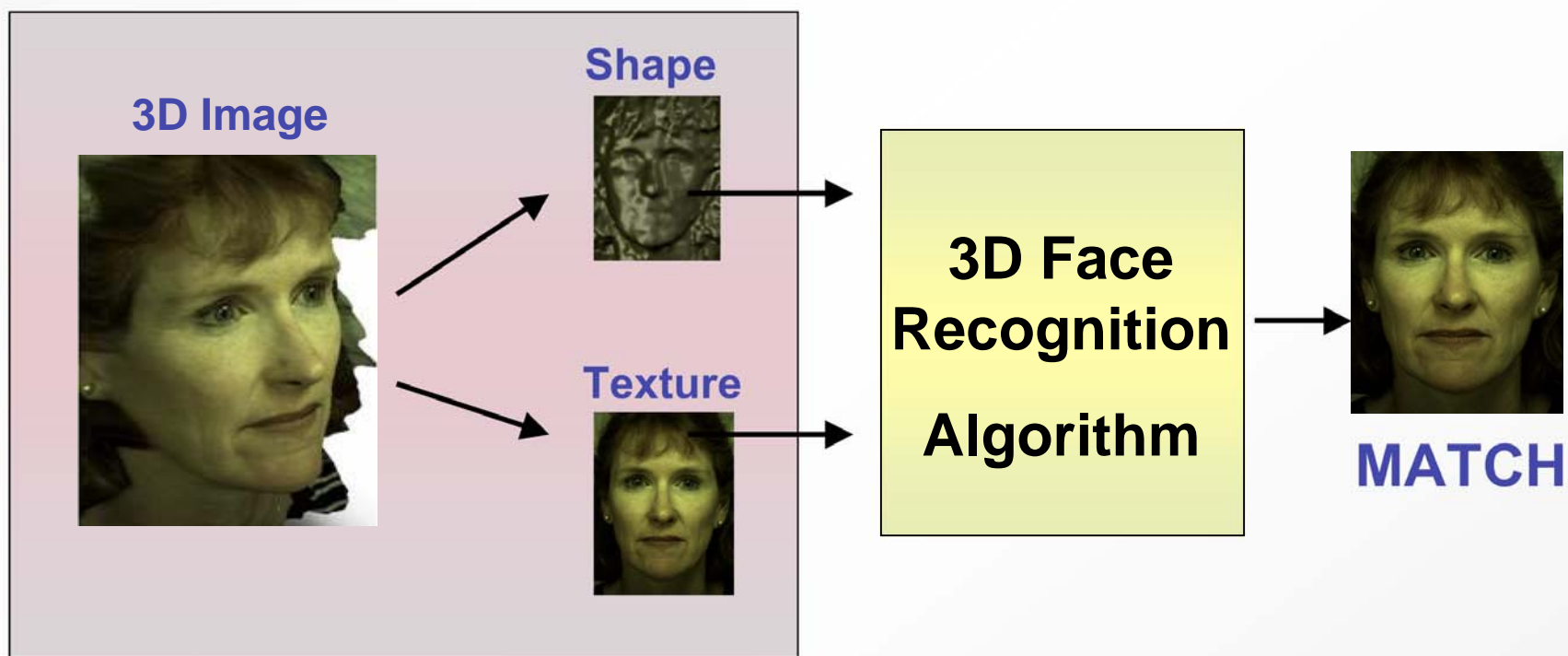
Select Point to Measure

- **Verification rate at :**
 - False accept rate = 0.1%
- **July 2002:**
 - 20% error rate (80% verification rate)
- **Goal:**
 - 2% error rate (98% verification rate)

3D Images



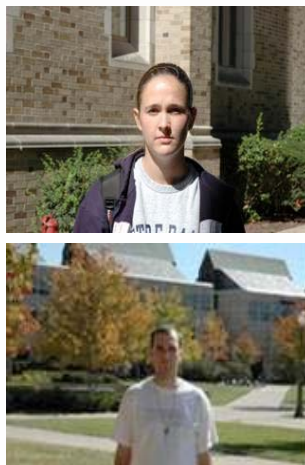
3D Sensor



FRGC Modes Examined



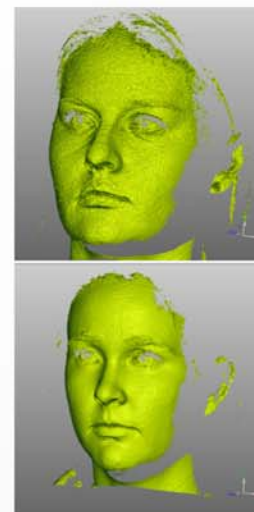
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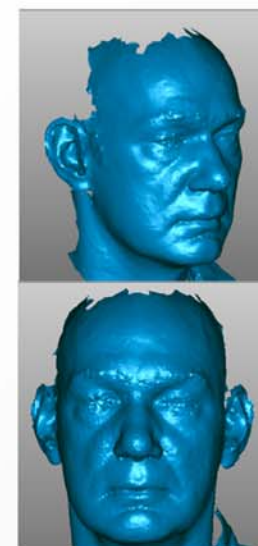
Outdoor/
Uncontrolled



Multiple Stills



3D Single
view



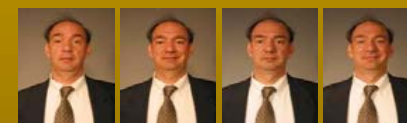
3D Full Face

FRGC Experiments

Exp 1: Controlled indoor still versus indoor still



Exp 2: Multiple still versus multiple still



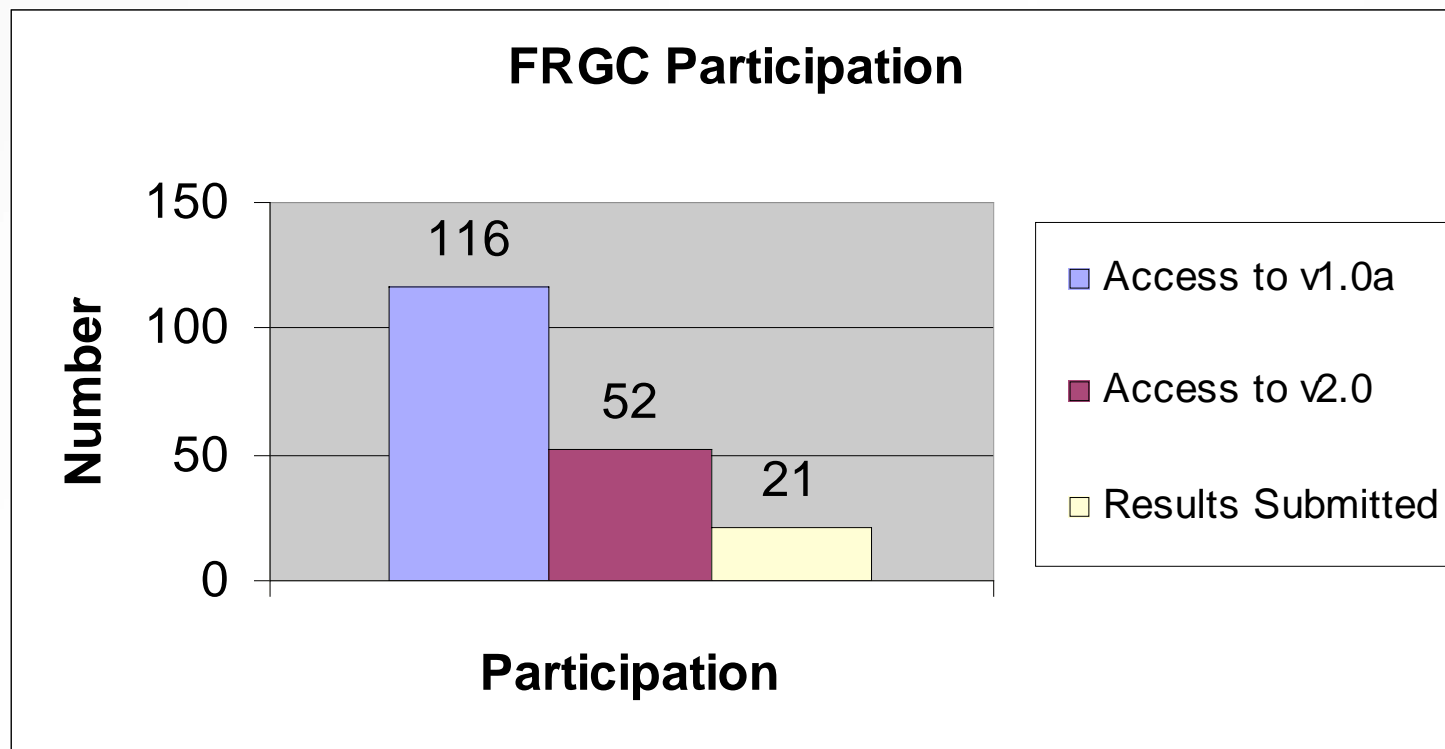
Exp 3: 3d versus 3D
3t - Texture only
3s - Shape only



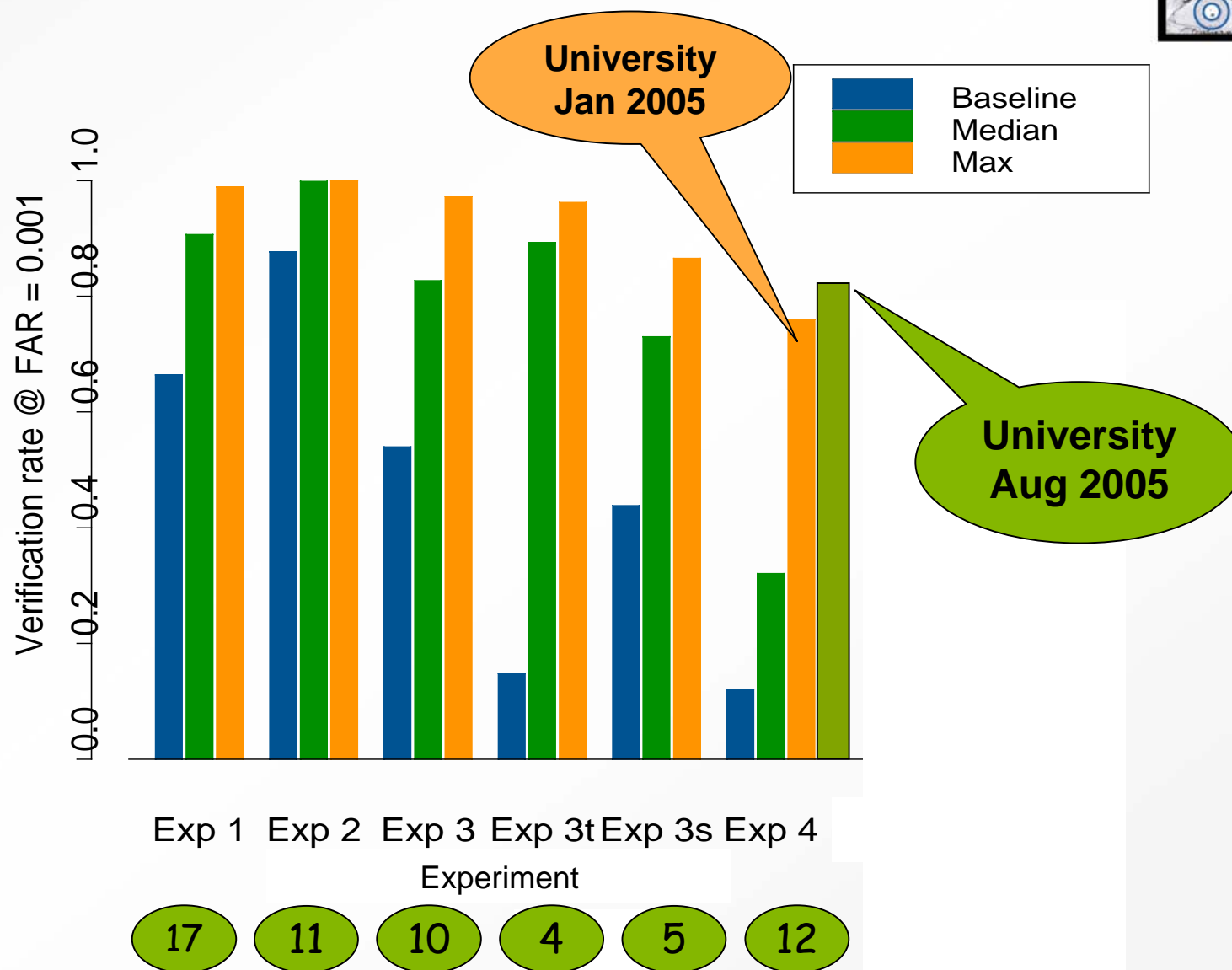
Exp 4: Uncontrolled still versus indoor still



FRGC Participation

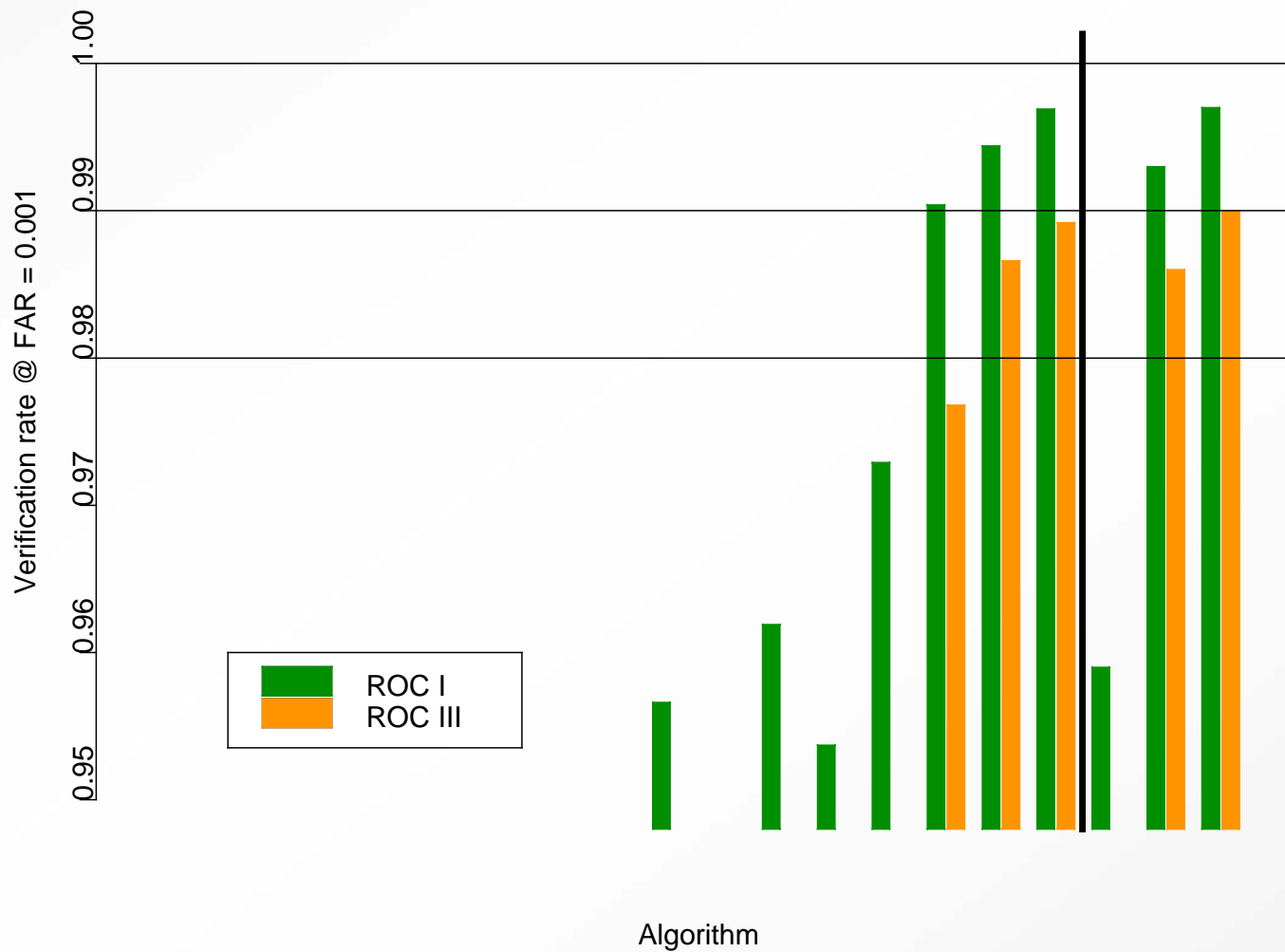


FRGC Progress



FRGCv2 Exp. 1

Exp 1 Composite Performance



Performance Goals and Progress

Independent Evaluations
(Gold Standard)

FR₂₀
VT₂

Starting Point 80%

Measured in
FRVT 2002

FAR = 0.1%



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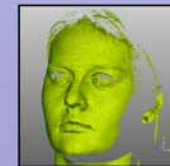
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(Mar 06)**



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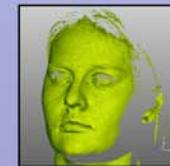
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Summary

- Face Recognition Grand Challenge
 - Order of magnitude increase in performance ☒
 - Systematically investigate still and 3D ☒
 - Formulate series of challenge problems ☒
 - Face Recognition Grand Challenge Completion March 2006 ☒

FRVT 2006



- Latest in a series of large scale independent evaluations for face recognition systems
 - Previous evaluations in the series were the FERET, FRVT2000, and FRVT 2002
- Primary goal is to
 - Measure progress of prototype systems/algorithms and commercial face recognition systems since FRVT 2002
 - Conduct comparison across modalities
 - Compare performance with FRGC goals



FRVT 2006 Status Update

- The Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT) 2006
 - Began on 30 January 2006
 - Currently underway
 - Testing executables at this time
 - 22 Participants
 - 10 countries
 - 30% of Participants are from Academia





Human-Computer Comparison

NIST

O'Toole, Phillips, Jiang, Penard, Ayyad, Abdi 2005



Problem

- Are face recognition algorithms *ready* for applications?
 - enormous improvements over last decade
 - accuracy of algorithms tested intensively
- *How accurate do they have to be to be useful?*
 - meet or exceed human performance



Human-Machine Comparisons

- Same image pairs from Exp. 4
- Seven state-of-the-art algorithms
 - 4 from industry
 - 3 from academic institutions
- Comparisons
 - 120 difficult face pairs
 - 120 easy face pairs



Sampling

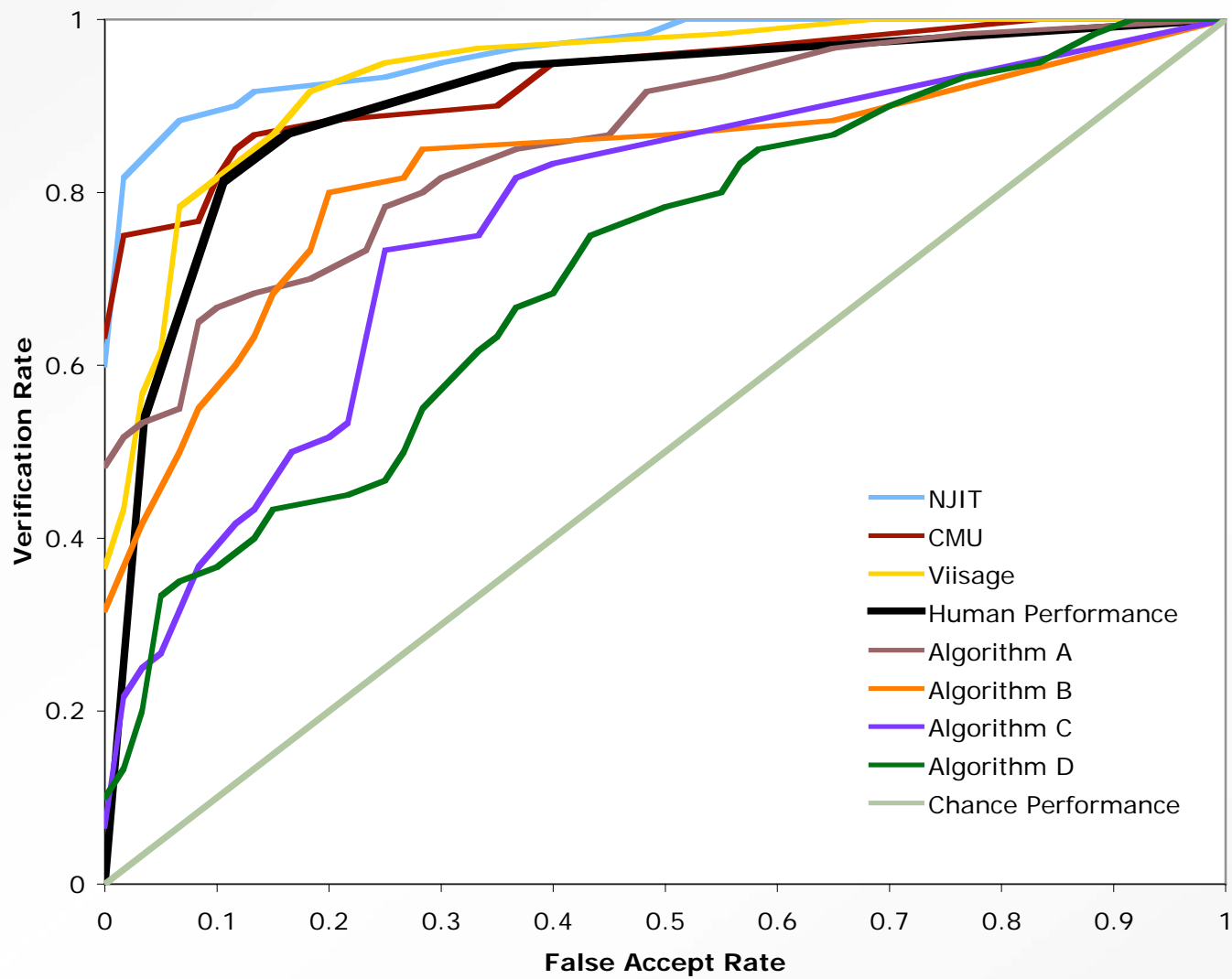
- homogeneous
 - caucasian males/females 20-30 yrs
 - comparisons made on identity not
 - age, race, sex
- Stimuli
 - 240 pairs of faces
 - 120 male pairs
 - 60 easy
 - 60 difficult
 - 120 female pairs
 - 60 easy
 - 60 difficult

Procedure



- Human subject raters respond...
 - 1. sure they are the same person
 - 2. think they are the same person
 - 3. not sure
 - 4. think they are not the same person
 - 5. sure they are not the same person

Identity Matching for Difficult Face Pairs

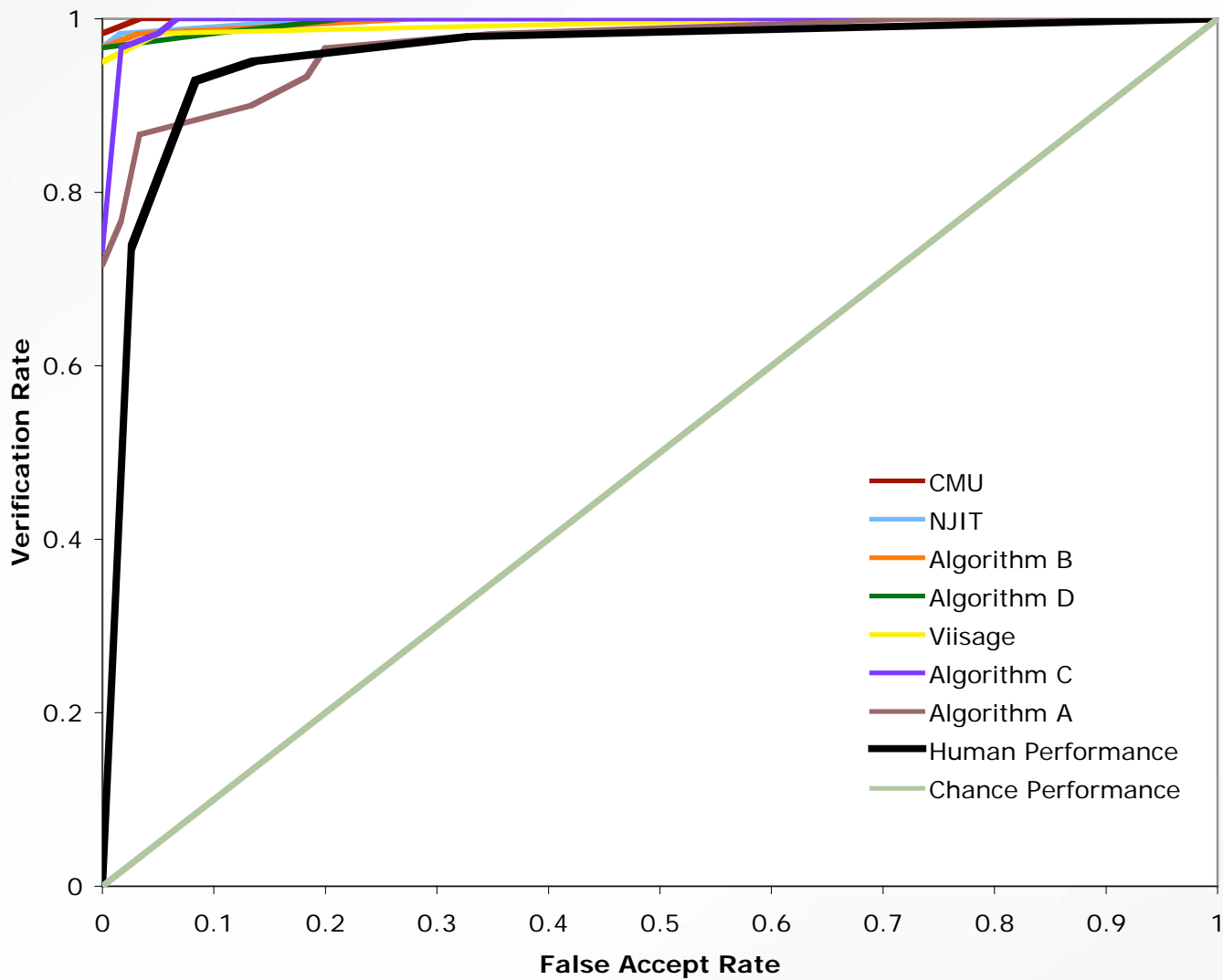




Results Summary

- 3 algorithms surpass humans!
 - NJIT (Liu, *IEEE: PAMI*, in press)
 - CMU (Xie et al., 2005)
 - Viisage (Husken et al., 2005)
- 4 less accurate than humans

Identity Matching for Easy Face Pairs





Conclusions

- Algorithms compete favorably with humans on the difficult task of matching faces across changes in illumination
 - some algorithms are *better* than humans on “difficult” face pairs
 - nearly all are *better* than humans on “easy” face pairs



Iris Challenge Evaluation Overview



ICE Goals

- Broad Goals
 - Facilitate iris recognition technology development
 - Technology assessment of iris recognition
- Modeled after FRGC/FRVT 2005
 - FRGC (Face Recognition Grand Challenge)
 - FRVT 2006 (Face Recognition Vendor Test 2006)

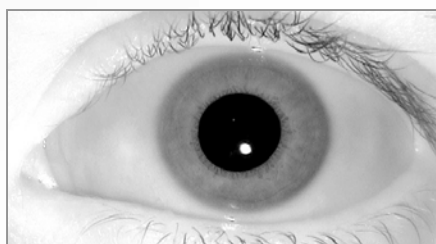
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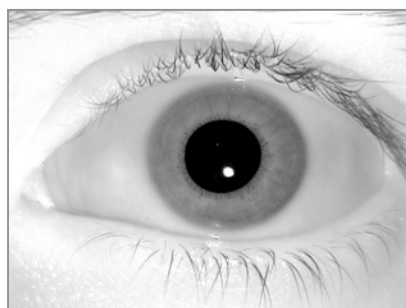
Target Set

Image



Query Set

Image



Algorithm



Output

**Similarity
Matrix**

Image Quality

Input Iris
Image

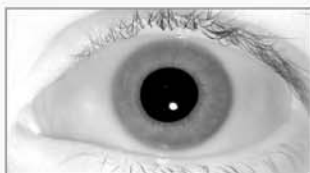


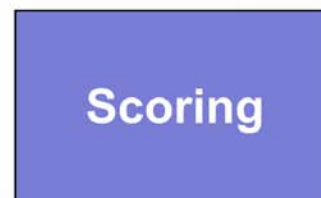
Image Quality
Module



Real
Number



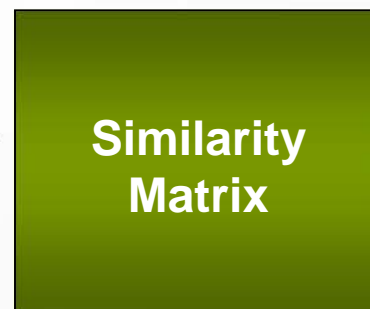
Scoring



Quality
Measure



Similarity
Matrix





ICE 2005 and 2006

- What is the difference between ICE ~~Phase I~~ 2005 and ICE ~~Phase II~~ 2006?
 - ICE 2005 – Technology Development
 - Iris recognition challenge problems
 - Iris data set
 - ICE 2006 - Evaluation
 - Independent government technology evaluation
 - Sequestered data



ICE 2005 Challenge Problems

Define Experiments

Exp 1

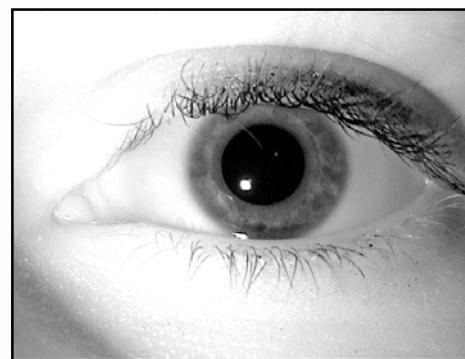
Right Eye



1425 Iris Images
124 Individuals

Exp 2

Left Eye



1528 Iris Images
120 Individuals

112 Overlapping Individuals
132 Total Individuals

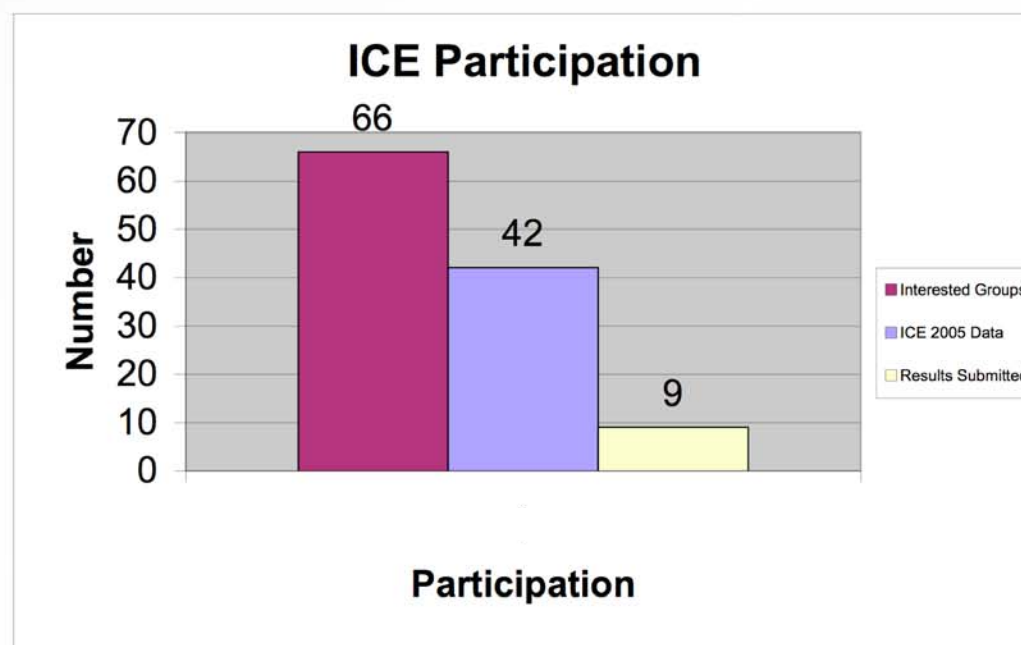


ICE 2005

- Challenge Problem
 - Open book
- Data Released September 2005
 - Iris images
 - Experiments
 - Ground truth
- Similarity Matrices Submitted March 2006
 - Generated by participants
 - Scored by NIST
- NOT an independent Evaluation
 - NO sequestered data



ICE Participation





Result Submissions

- Results submitted:
 - 9 Groups
 - 15 Algorithms + 1 irisBEE Baseline
 - 6 Countries
- ICE Phase I Participants:
 - Cambridge University (*Cam 1, Cam 2*)
 - Carnegie Mellon University (*CMU*)
 - Chinese Academy of Sciences, Center for Information Science (*CAS 1, CAS 2, CAS 3*)
 - Indiana University, Purdue University, Indianapolis (*IUPUI*)
 - Iritech (*IritchA, IritchB, IrtchC, IritchD*)
 - PELCO (*Pelco*)
 - SAGEM - Iridian (*SAGEM*)
 - West Virginia University (*WVU*)
 - Yamataki Corp / Tohoku University (*Tohoku*)

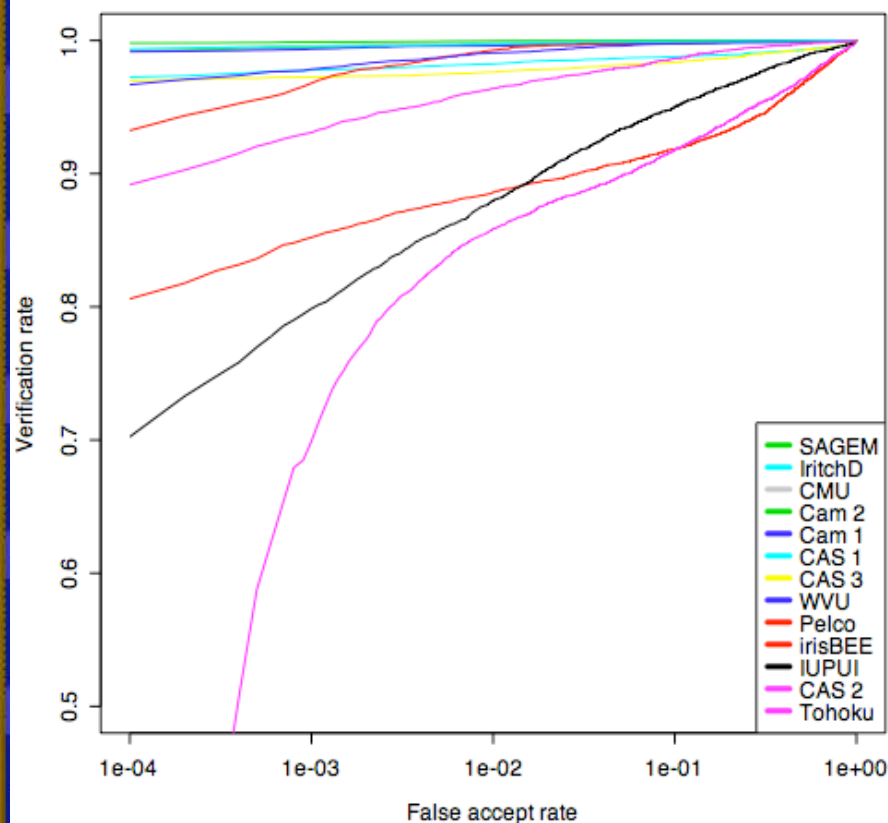
ROC Results - Fully Automatic

Exp 1

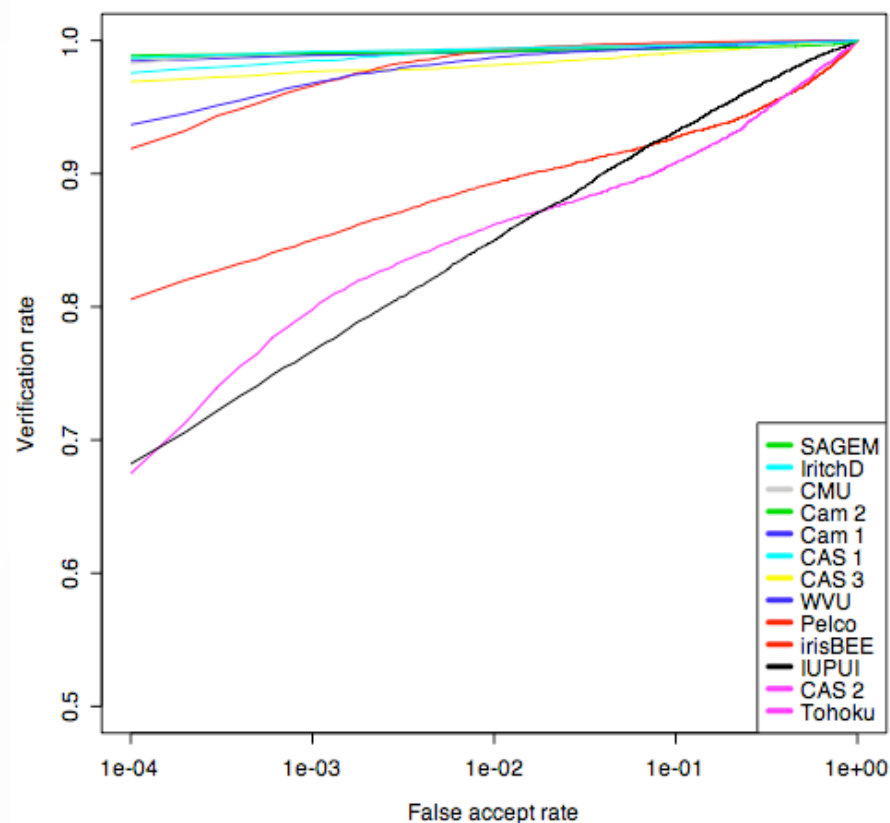
Exp 2



ICE1 Experiment1 ROC (Right Eye)



ICE1 Experiment2 ROC (Left Eye)



**Results from Open Book Challenge Problem
NOT Independent Evaluation**

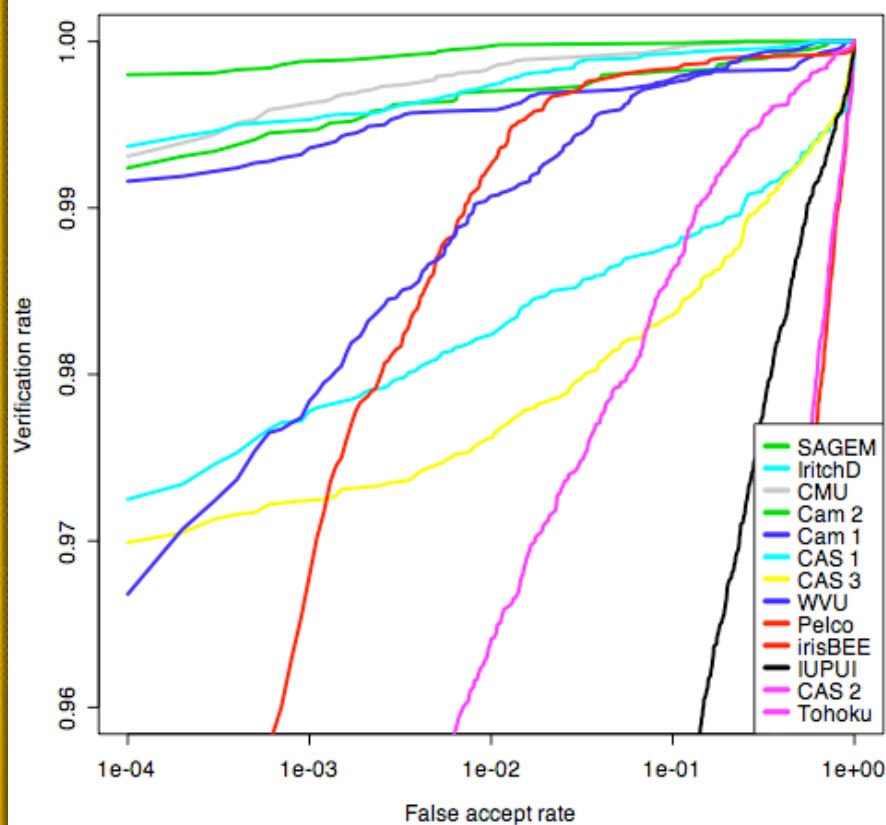
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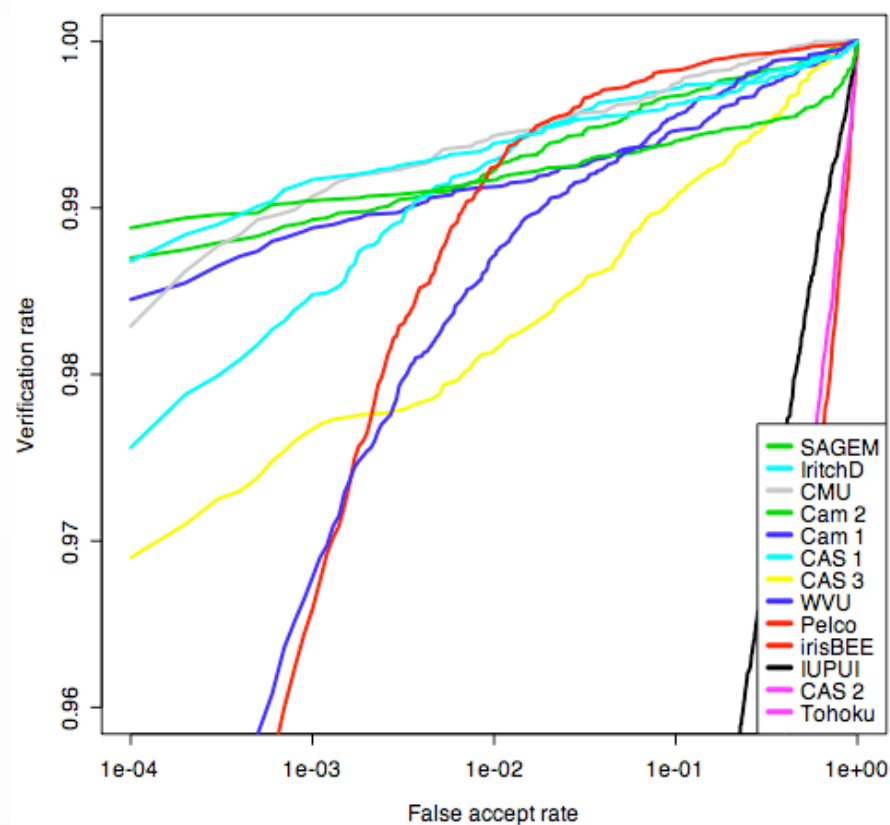
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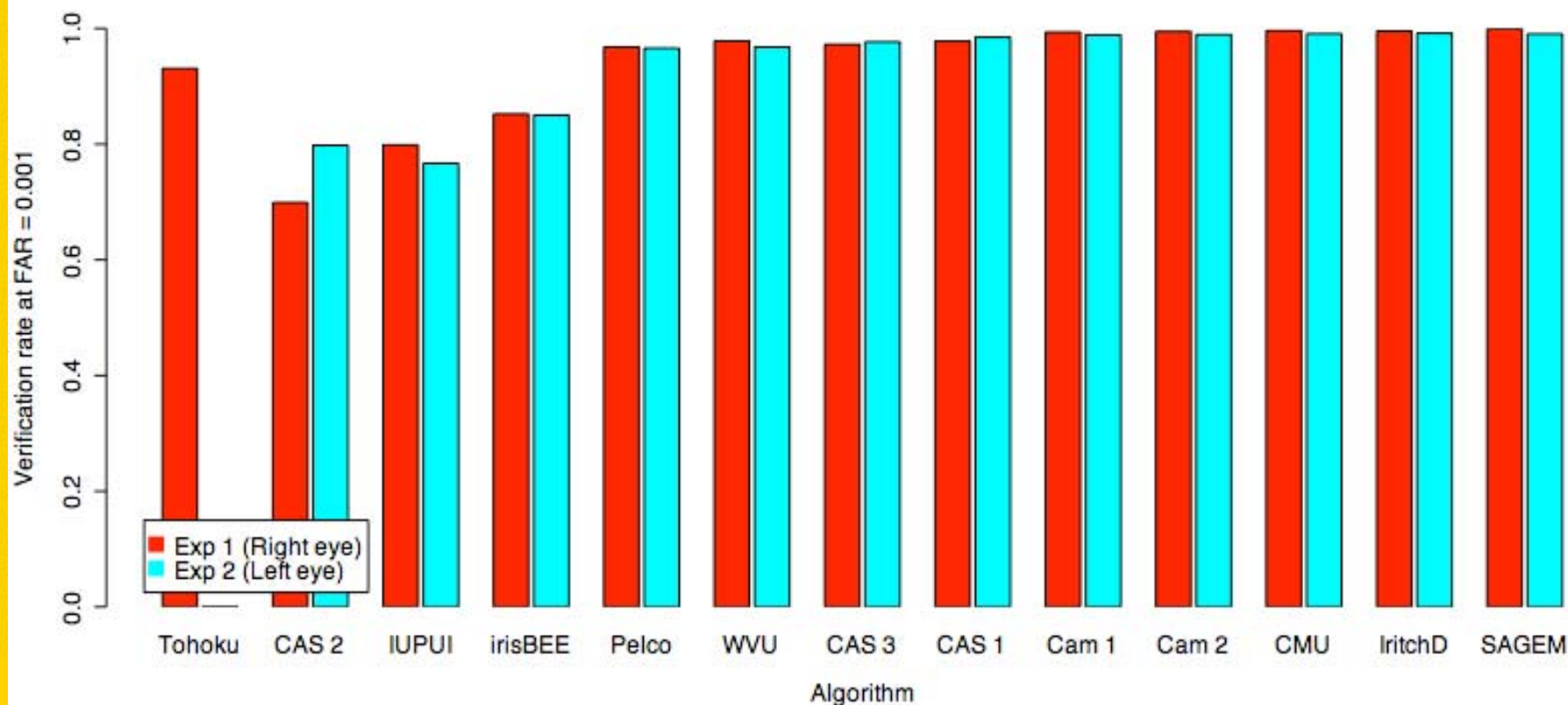
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Bar Plot Performance Results

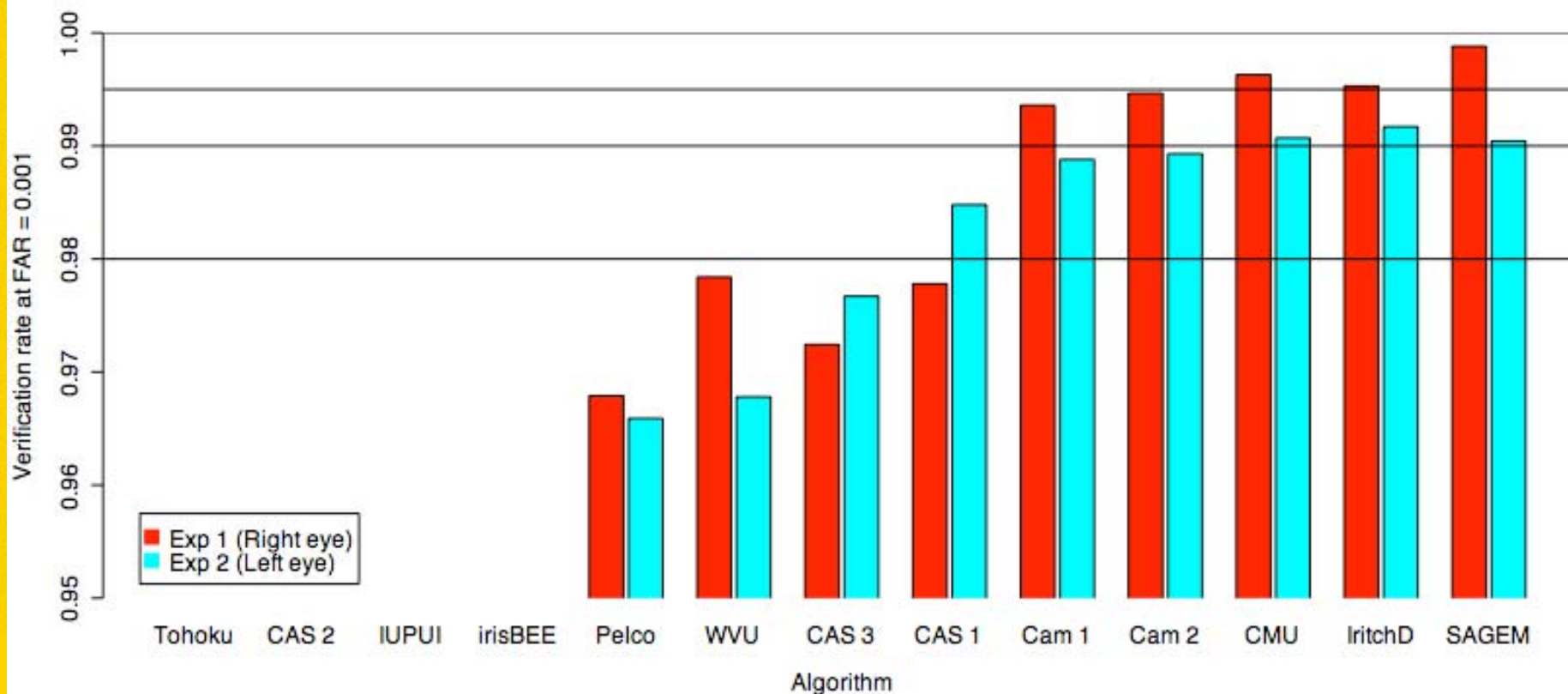
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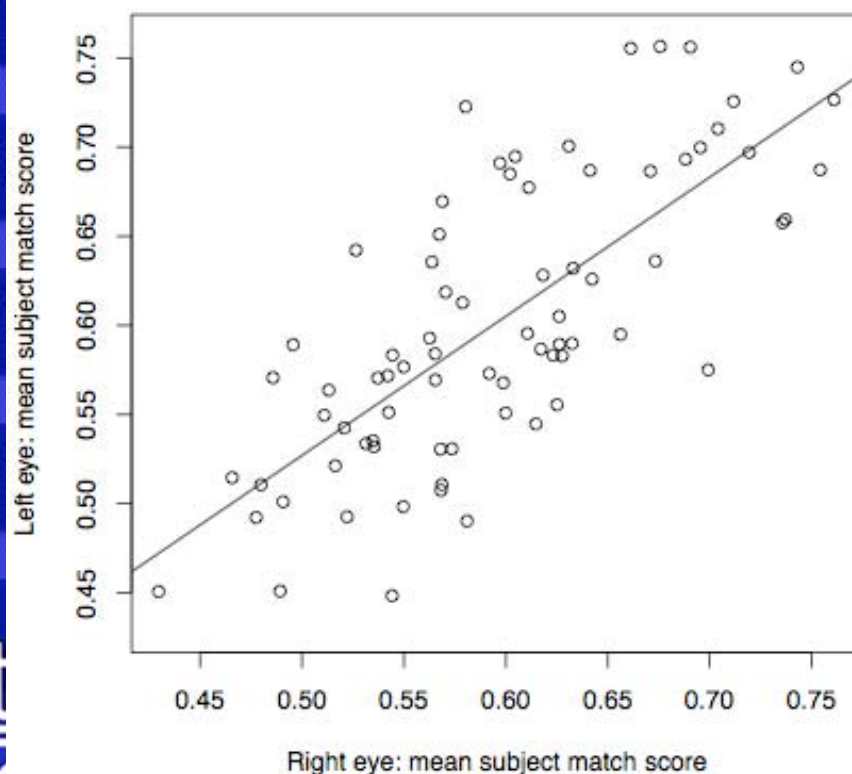


Eye Independence

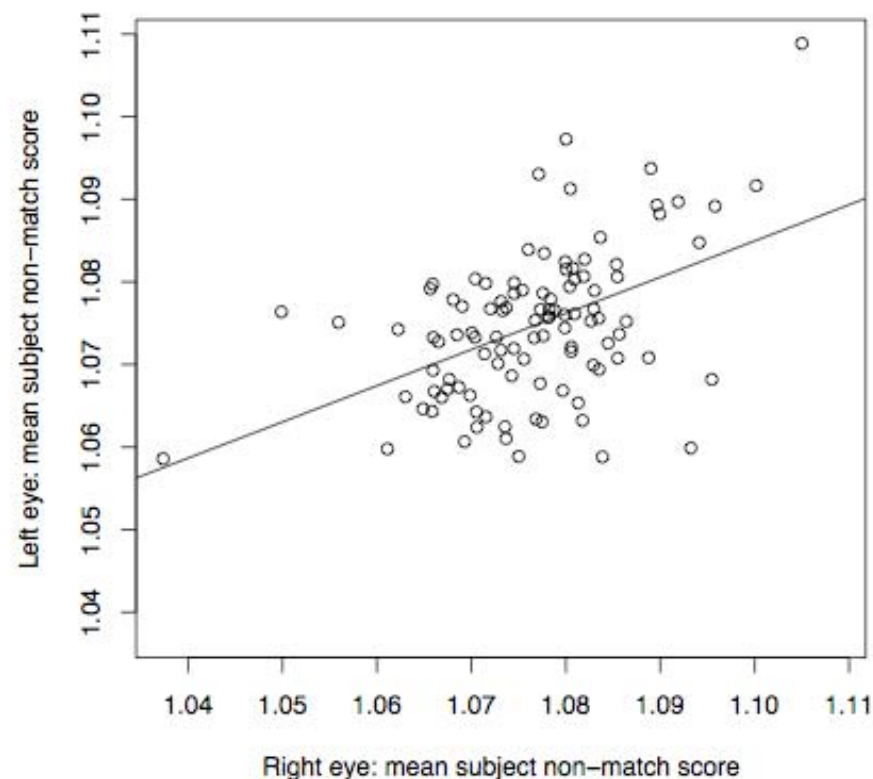
- Purpose:
 - Examine relationship between left & right iris
- Method:
 - For each subject, compute mean match score
 - Right and left iris
 - For each subject, compute mean non-match score
 - Right and left iris
 - Scatter plot of right verses left iris
 - Mean match score
 - Mean non-match score

Eye Independence - Iritech

Iritech D match scores Exp 1 and 2 ICE1

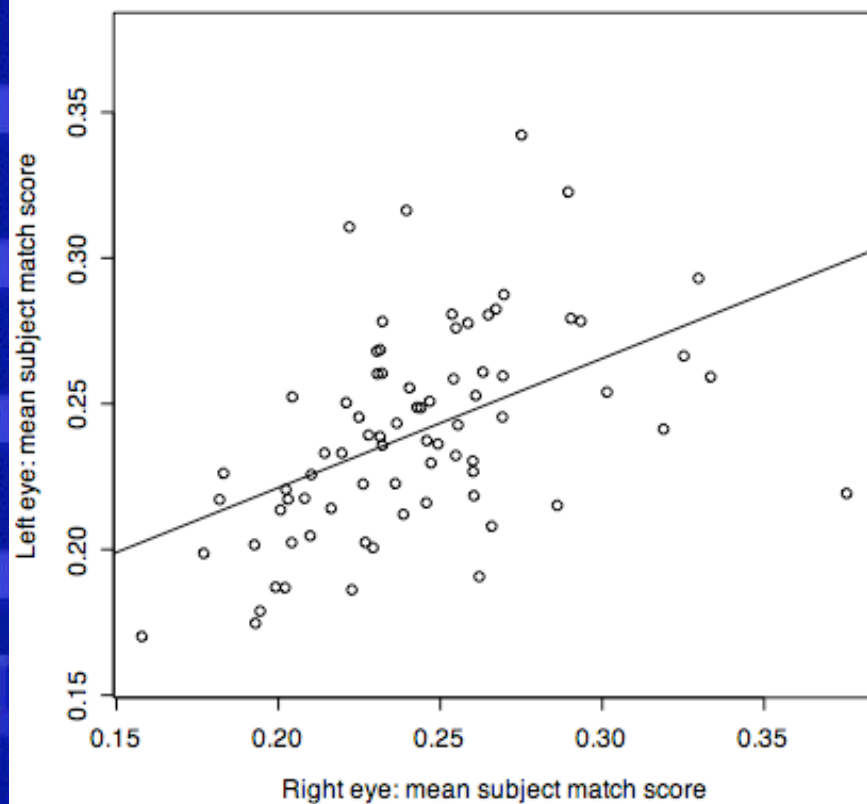


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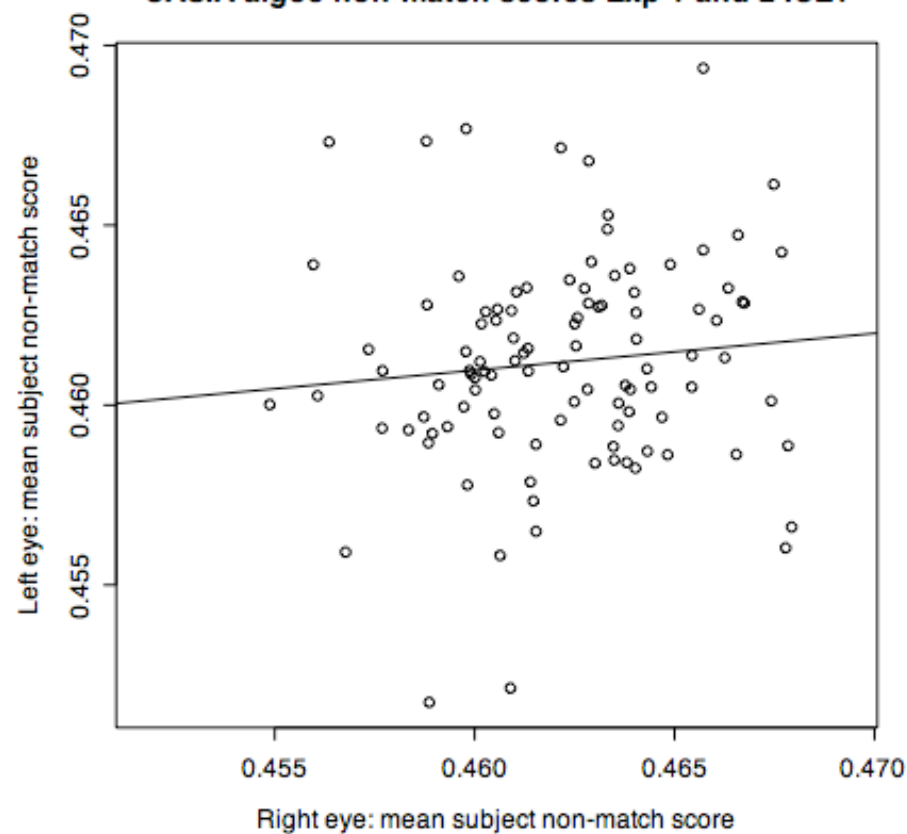


Eye Independence-CASIA

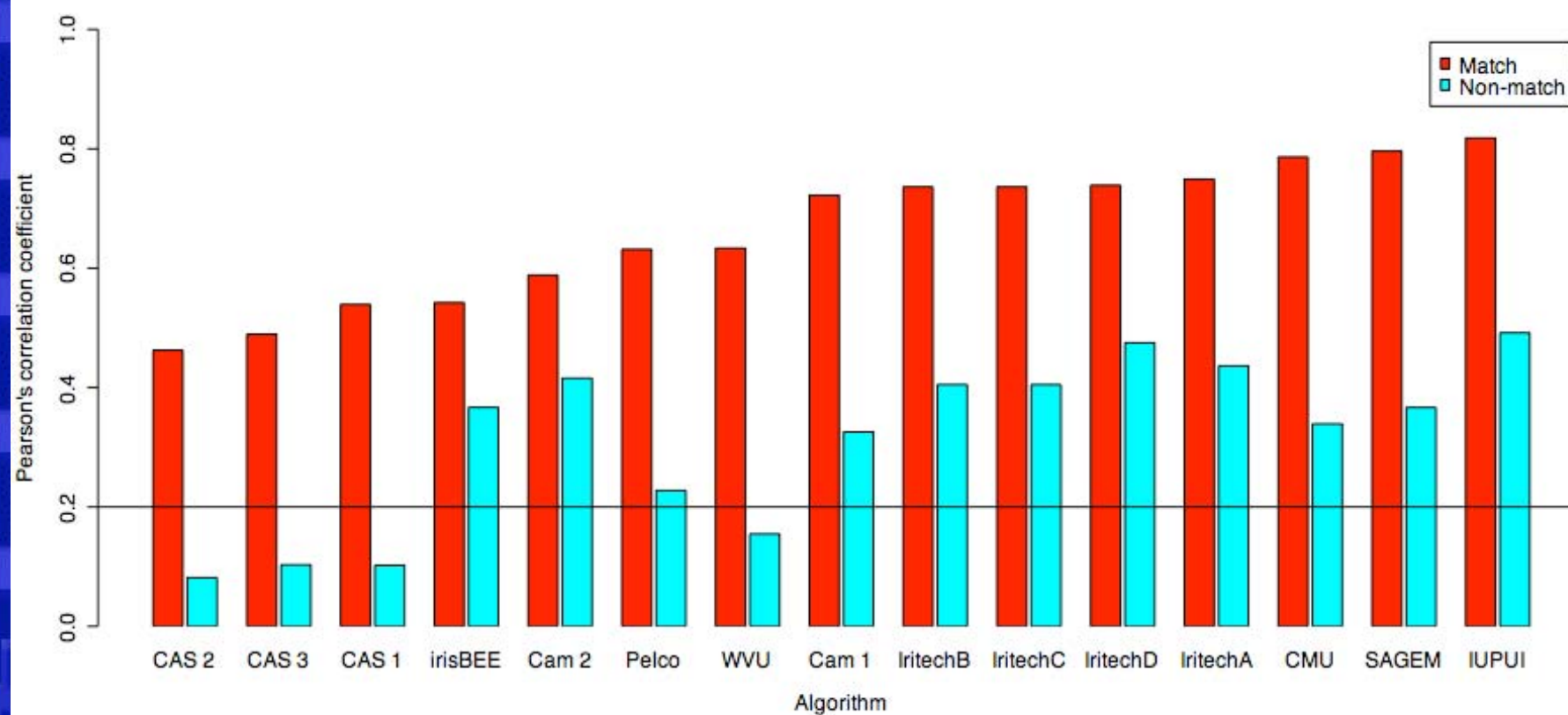
CASIA algo3 match scores Exp 1 and 2 ICE1



CASIA algo3 non-match scores Exp 1 and 2 ICE1

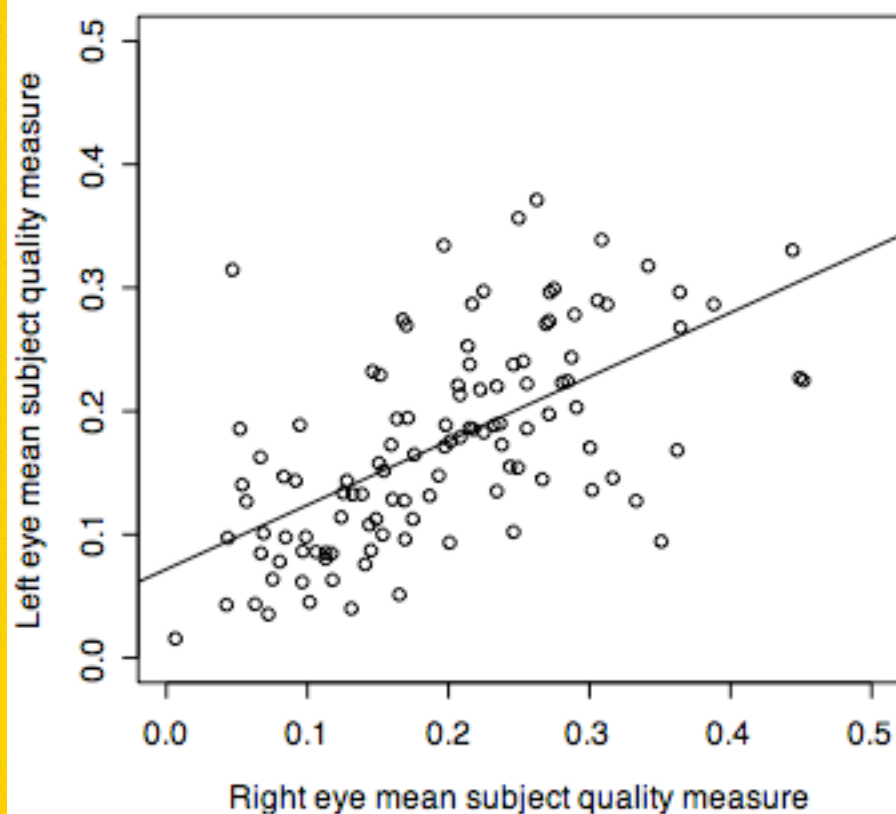


Eye Independence-Summary

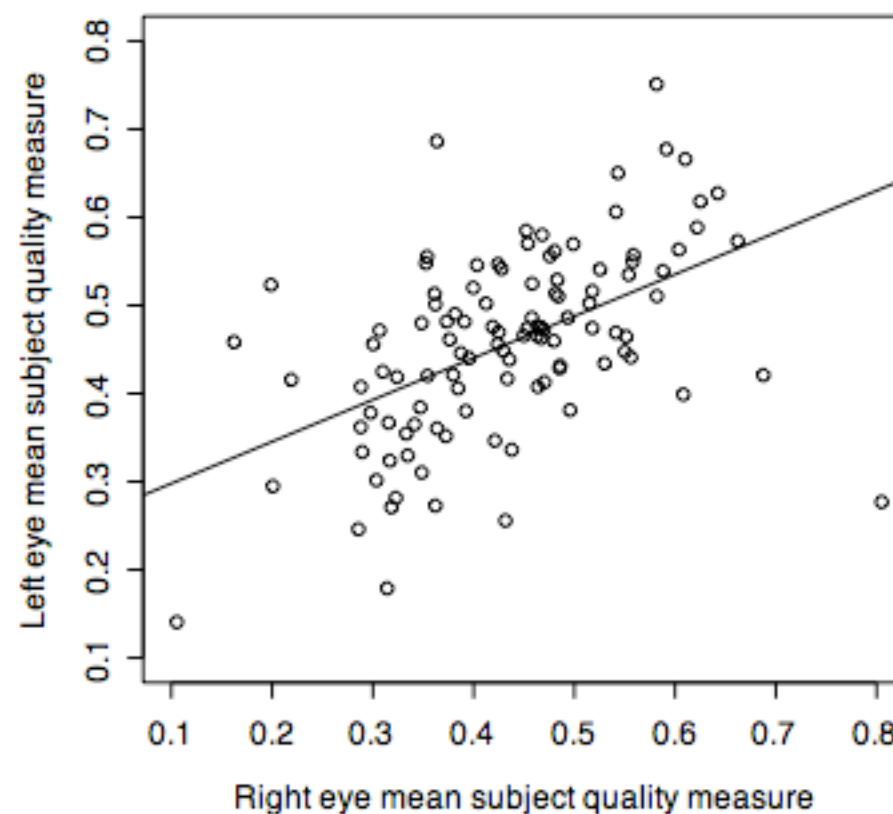


Quality Measures

WVU Occulusion Quality Measure



WVU defocus Quality Measure





ICE 2006 Schedule

- 1 April 2006
 - ICE 2006 Protocol released
- 15 June 2006
 - Executables submission deadline
 - ICE 2006 evaluation begins
- December 2006
 - ICE 2006 Final Report released